

**BOMB EXPLODED IN
KANSAS CITY BANK**

Attempt Made to Wreck One of
the Most Magnificent Struc-
tures in the City.

OFFICIALS AT LOSS FOR MOTIVE

One Theory is That the Explosive Had
Been Hidden Away by Safe Wreck-
ers for Future Use—Eight Persons
Were Injured, But None Fatally—
Panic Among Customers.

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, MO., Jan. 4.—A
bomb was exploded today in the base-
ment of the magnificent three story
marble building of the First National
bank at the corner of Tenth and
Baltimore streets, in the business
center, a few minutes after the noon
hour.

The force of the explosion was ter-
rific and caused much damage. Eight
persons were injured, none fatally.
There is no clue to the person who
placed the bomb and set it off.

The injured:
Elbert Ward, negro porter, condi-
tion serious.

Logan Wilson, bank clerk.
J. Donaldson, bank clerk.
Valjean Brightwell, clerk.
R. M. Klapmeyer, clerk.
Joseph Peck, carpenter.
R. W. Cole.
Charles Grant.

None of the persons injured was
dangerously hurt.

Was Supposed to be Gas.
John F. Pelletier, superintendent of
the fire insurance patrol, who was in
the banking rooms at the time of the
explosion, and E. F. Swinne, presi-
dent of the bank, are authority for
the statement that the explosion was
the result of a bomb set off by some
person unknown to them. At first
it was supposed to have resulted from
leaking natural gas. Neither were
able to give any cause for the com-
mission of the act. The bank was
crowded with customers at the time,
numbering 250 persons. A panic en-
sued and there was a wild scramble
for the doors.

The First National bank building
is one of the most beautiful struc-
tures in the city. It was only finished
last year, and cost close to \$1,000,-
000. The main floor was occupied by
the bank, which is the largest finan-
cial institution in Kansas City. The
two upper stories are occupied prin-
cipally by real estate and other firms.
Investigation developed the fact that
the bomb had been placed in a toilet
room in the northwest corner in the
basement, 20 feet from the main
vault. The toilet room was 18 by 20
feet square and was separated from
the adjoining room by a three inch
plaster partition. This partition was
supported by a steel post.

The bomb struck the post with
such force as to bend it a foot out of
position, wrecked the partition and
plumbing, and sent a cloud of dust
up the wide stairway leading to the
banking rooms. Half a dozen base-
ment windows with steel rods pro-
tecting them were blown out into
Baltimore avenue and across the
street. The building was shaken as
if by an earthquake. The explosion
was felt in all parts of the city. Mr.
Pelletier, who was standing at the
paying tellers window, when the ex-
plosion shook the building, said:

"Following the explosion there was
a great volume of smoke and dust
which poured up the stairway into
the banking room. The bank was un-
usually well filled with people. At
the moment of the explosion the crowd
turned and rushed for the south door,
leading into Tenth street. I called
out in a loud voice for quiet, shout-
ing that there was no danger, and
rushed for the stair. When I reached
the stairway powder and smoke were
pouring up the entrance way. I groped
my way down the stairs and at the
bottom found Ward, the negro por-
ter. I carried him upstairs where
others took care of him and returned
to the basement, where I was soon
able to make an investigation. The
smell of the powder and the heat
made it certain that the explosion
had resulted from a bomb being set
off. There was no trace of the bomb
thrower, and as yet I have not been
able to find any tangible manner in
which the missile was placed.

Can't Find a Motive.
Logan Wilson, another of the in-
jured, was in the basement at the

time. He was blown clear across the
basement and probably through the
partition, a distance of 20 feet. When
picked up he was unconscious. He
was removed to the Emergency Hospi-
tal and so far has been unable to
give any account of what happened.

J. Donaldson was working in his
cage in the banking room. He was
cut by glass that fell from a chan-
dellier.

Everyone concerned is at a loss to
find a motive for the explosion.
Vice President Abernethy of the
bank, suggested that the bomb might
have been placed by a disgruntled
depositor, unable to draw funds dur-
ing the recent financial flurry.

John Hayes, former chief of police,
who visited the scene, said the ex-
plosion was undoubtedly caused by
dynamite and this theory was sup-
ported by Alexander Henderson, as-
sistant chief of the fire department.
No fragment of the supposed bomb
has been found, but all agree that
the explosion was not caused by gas.

J. Myers, a mining engineer, who
made an examination of the base-
ment late this afternoon, expressed
the opinion that the explosion might
have been caused by sewer gas or
natural gas, that had accumulated in
the sewer.

Bank Officials All at Sea.
No definite conclusion will be reach-
ed tonight as to the cause of the ex-
plosion.

A piece of pipe believed to have
been part of a bomb, was found this
evening in the wrecked basement.

A motive is lacking, but the bank
officials and the police incline to the
belief that the explosion was either
the work of a crank or that a bomb
had been secreted in the basement
toilet room by robbers for future use
and had been accidentally exploded.

No arrests have been made and
the police are without any definite

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READY FOR THAW TRIAL**Lawyers Engaged in the Defense****Have Their Final Conference.****PRISONER'S MOTHER IS QUITE ILL****She Will Not be Able to Attend the****Opening Sessions of the Case, But****Will Take Stand, if Necessary, Later****on—Wife Will Testify.****(By Associated Press)**

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The final con-
ference of the attorneys engaged in
the defense of Harry Thaw were held
today without the presence of Mrs.
William Thaw, the mother, who was
to go over the case in its entirety
with the lawyers. Mrs. Thaw is still
too ill to come on from her home in
Pittsburg and will not be in court
when Thaw is called to his place on
Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

She will arrive, however, in time to
take the stand if the attorneys for
the defense deem her testimony nec-
essary to the case. Josiah and Ed-
ward Thaw, the brothers, and Mrs.
George L. Carnegie, a sister, are ex-
pected Monday.

The trial will be held in the same
branch of the Supreme Court as be-
fore.

The counsel rail in the room has
been extended and the prisoner and
his attorneys will sit within the en-
closure this time and be effectively se-
parated from his wife and family. A
railed passageway has also been built
around the edge of the court room
and in passing from the prisoner's
pen to his counsel's table, Thaw will
not have the opportunity of saying
a word of greeting to the family
group as was his unfeeling custom a
year ago.

Presiding Judge a Young Man.
Justice Victor Dowling, who will
preside at the trial, is one of the
youngest members of the state Su-
preme Court bench, but has already
attained a wide reputation as a jur-
ist. He has expressed an intention
to hold the opposing attorneys steady-
ly to their tasks and to expedite the
trial as much as possible. It is in-
dicated that if the work of jury se-
lection is difficult, night sessions will
be held. The defendant and his at-
torneys, as well as the district at-
torney, are in accord with Justice
Dowling, and will do everything in
their power to hasten the proceedings.

The hope of all is to make the se-
cond trial a model of bravery as com-
pared to the first one.

The ban upon the attendance of
women will go far toward preventing
a repetition of the almost riotous
scenes in the court house corridor

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**LEGISLATURE WILL
CONVENE WEDNESDAY**

Both Branches to Hold Caucuses
Tuesday Evening for Selec-
tion of Officers.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS READY

Many Matters of Moment to be Dis-
cussed in General Assembly—Tem-
perance Element to be in Richmond
in Force—Good Roads and Schools
in Force

(Special to The Daily Press)

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 4.—The gen-
eral assembly of Virginia will con-
vene in this city at noon Wednesday.
The sessions are held biennially, and
this will be the second time that all
the members of both branches come
as new members. Many of the old
characters in the two branches are
missing this year, several having
gone down for reasons satisfactory
to their constituents. There are many
officers to be chosen by the joint
caucus. The presiding officer of the
house will have to be chosen. That
body will elect Richard E. Byrd of
Winchester, to the speakership, and
John W. Williams, the present clerk,
will be retained. Then there are
the doorkeepers, the sergeant at arms,
the committee clerks and the like. In
the senate the election of a clerk to
that body is the one engrossing
contest. There are two candidates—
Thomas A. Lynch and Marshall B.
Booker. Mr. Lynch is the present
clerk. Mr. Booker is a former mem-
ber of the house.

Governor's Message.
The reading of the governor's mes-
sage will be the first real business
after the two bodies have organized.
The message is printed and is ready
for distribution the moment the clerks
shall begin reading. The message
is one of the briefest any executive
has yet sent to the legislature on
its convening. It contains only about
6,000 words, though the governor has
omitted nothing that demands the
attention of the body. It is said to
contain many striking recommenda-
tions, especially as regards the em-
ployment of convicts on the public
roads, the improvement of the pub-
lic schools, the care of the insane
and the payment of the public debt.

It is not known if the governor will
follow the precedent set by Govern-
or Montague and appear in person
and read his message.

The general assembly will be be-
sieged by applications for money for
all the state institutions. There is a
surplus of \$1,250,000 in the treasury,
and there are demands already on
file for about twice that sum in ad-
dition to the appropriations already
made to these institutions. All the
educational institutions are asked
for an increase, the colored asylum
of the state presenting a request for
\$350,000 for new buildings for the
care of the negro insane of the state,
disease among that class of the popu-
lation of the state increasing at en-
ormous rates and being due, accord-
ing to the belief of officers, to the
use of drugs of all sorts as well as
of liquor.

The Income Tax.
Another question that will demand
attention will be a proposition that
is to increase the exemption from the
income tax from \$600 to either \$1,000
or \$1,200. The law is not observed
to any considerable extent, few of
the taxpayers seeing that clause in
the lists submitted to them for re-
turn to the commissioner of the
revenue. It is said that the law
works a hardship on a great many
people, especially since the recent
enormous increase in the price of
necessities of life. It is believed that
more people would comply with the
law and that the state will receive
larger revenue if the amendment
suggested is enacted, as those who
pay the tax will not balk at the fig-
ures, while many who receive from
\$750 to \$1,200 make returns as though
there was no such thing as an income
tax embraced in the lists.

More Pension Money.
The attention of the general as-
sembly will be directed to the enor-
mous death rate among the Confed-
erate veterans of the state, as well
as the widows of the old soldiers.
The state appropriates the sum of
\$300,000 annually for the pay of pen-
sioners, and this amount has not been
entirely consumed for several years,
though at one time the sum was in-
adequate to meet the payments and
the pensions had to be scaled down

in order to pay all the claimants. A
proposition will be made to appro-
priate the same amount annually
and to let it be prorated among the
pensioners considerably and will, at
the same time make no increase in
the appropriation. The death rate
among the pensioners is one that
staggeres the officials. Several thou-
sands and checks have been returned
with the endorsement, "The party named
within is dead."

Temperance Forces Coming.
From a source apparently reliable
the information is that the temper-
ance element of the state is to come
in force to this city during the ses-
sions of the general assembly and to
make a concerted and vigorous effort
to induce the legislature to amend
the liquor laws of the state in many
essentials. The belief is that the
scenes enacted in the Georgia legisla-
ture, when that body was invaded by
the women's organizations, will be
repeated here. So far the temper-
ance element has made no announce-
ment of their plans, but the impres-
sion prevails that when they begin to
show their strength it will be of
such a character, and in such num-
bers, that the members of the legisla-
ture will be surprised. The belief
is that the temperance people will ask
that all screens and doors and ob-
structions of all sorts in front of
saloons be recommended for removal,
so that the general public will at all
times be able to get a clear view of
all that is going on inside the places
where liquor is sold. It is known
that the state will be asked to in-
crease the license tax to \$750, just
double the amount required at this
time.

Another matter that will engage
attention is the question of repealing
the act which prohibits the building
of a railroad paralleling the Rich-
mond, Fredericksburg & Potomac
Railroad from this city to Wash-
ington. There are good reasons for
this repeal. It will permit the build-
ing of the road that is wanted by the
Gould interests, which has acquired
the water power property in the city
of Fredericksburg and which will
connect with the line of in operation
between this city and Ashland. The
state owns an interest in the Rich-
mond, Fredericksburg & Potomac,
and the dividends from that source
are applied to a reduction of the state
debt and to the payment of interest
on that debt.

CHICAGO THUGS KILL
TWO POLICE OFFICERS

They Inquired of Gang of Loiterers
What They Were Doing and
Reply Was Bullets.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—While City De-
tective William R. Mooney was lying
on his death bed in Grace hospital
last night, just after identifying the
thief who shot him down Thursday,
another policeman was shot and fa-
tally wounded by another thief under
circumstances almost identical with
the Mooney case. The first of the
two victims, Detective Mooney, died
early today.

The second victim was Patrolman
Michael D. Callahan. While on the
hunt for two companions of Mooney's
assault, he met the detective's fate.
Like Mooney, he accosted a little
group of men on a street corner and
inquired their business; like Mooney,
he fell with a bullet wound in his
abdomen, from which his recovery
is considered impossible.

Mooney positively identified as his
assailant James P. McLean, who was
arrested yesterday.

Callahan fired, wounding a com-
panion of his assailant, then grappled
with him until police assistance came.
The whole gang, including David An-
derson, whom all blame for the
shooting, were taken into custody.
Anderson's companion, who was in-
jured, probably fatally, was Albert
McCag.

NOT ABLE TO SETTLE IT.

One Judgeship Candidate Willing to
Arbitrate, But the Other Not.

(By Associated Press)

ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 4.—A meet-
ing of the board of directors of the
Chamber of Commerce and the Retail
Merchants' Association has been held
for the purpose of attempting to set-
tle the judgeship contest without
throwing it on the legislature.

Both of the candidates, Messrs.
Waller R. Staples and Roy S. Smith,
were requested to send representa-
tives. Mr. Smith sent Colonel James
H. Woods. Mr. Staples did not send
any representative, but appeared him-
self. Colonel Woods announced that
his candidate was willing to abide by
arbitration, as suggested by the com-
mercial bodies. Mr. Staples said
he would not.

The Smiths are much worked
up over a letter sent out by Mr. Bruce
Hunt, member of the House of Dele-
gates, stating that the members of
the bar.

**YARMOUTH HAS NOT
SQUANDERED FORTUNE**

Money Belonging to Wife Was All
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EARL TO CONTEST DIVORCE SUIT

Gives Notice That He Will Defend
Action, But it is Not Likely That
Case Will be Tried for Several
Weeks—Reasons for Divorce in
England.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The solicitor of
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formerly Miss Alice Thaw of Pitts-
burg, has begun suit for the nulli-
fication of her marriage, has given
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action. The case probably will not
be heard for several weeks.

While this action is quite distinct
from a divorce, it will be heard in di-
vorce court, the sitting to begin Janu-
ary 11. The court has only two
judges and there are on the calendar
156 undefended cases which take pre-
cedence over the defended suits. The
Yarmouth suit stands 61 in the list of
defended cases.

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tors of which Sir George Lewis, the
best known lawyer in England, is the
head, will represent the countess.

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The Marriage Settlement.

(By Associated Press)

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sent to her from time to time as she
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Ten of the jury were for acquittal
and two for conviction.

Edward Hanlan, Oarsman, Dead.

(By Associated Press)

TORONTO, ONT., Jan. 4.—Edward
Hanlan, formerly champion single
scull oarsman of the world, who has
been ill with pneumonia for a week,
died this morning at his home here.
He was 52 years old, and first came
into public notice when he won the
single at the Centennial regatta at
Philadelphia in 1876. From that time
until 1884 he was all but invincible,
only being beaten in a regatta at
Providence in 1880, when he retired
from the race, having wrenched his
side.

**SHIP WITH 400 ABOARD
FOUR WEEKS OVERDUE**

Grave Fears Entertained for the
Safety of Canadian Pacific
Steamer Mount Royal.

OFFICIALS THINK SHE'S DRIFTING

Express Belief That Disabled Mach-
inery Has Caused Her to be Driven
South of the Trans-Atlantic Line
Nearly All Passengers Russian Im-
migrants.

(By Associated Press)

ST. JOHNS, N. H., Jan. 4.—Although
it is four weeks to a day since the
Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal
sailed from Antwerp for this port with
304 immigrants and a crew of more
than 100, and nothing has been heard
of her in that time, the officials of
the line have not abandoned hope that
she is still afloat.

There are many excuses, but the
most hopeful view is that the vessel
is drifting about the Atlantic in a
helpless condition with her machin-
ery disabled. The company has
caused inquiry to be made at all
ports on both sides of the Atlantic,
but up to tonight no report from the
big vessel has been received. The
arrival of the Allen line steamer Hun-
garian, 21 days from Greenock, today,
disposes of the theory advanced that
she had fallen in with the Mount
Royal.

Many of the passengers are Russian
immigrants.

Municipal Light Plant Sold.

(By Associated Press)

CHRISTIANBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—
This town has sold to John L. Vaughn
and his associates its electric light
plant. The new owners will at once
form a company for the purpose of op-
erating it. The council has been re-
lieved of a great burden in this in-
stance. Municipal ownership has
been a most expensive luxury, and af-
ter seven years' experience, the coun-
cil is thankful to have the debt cared
for and free lights for the streets.

NET AROUND WHITMORE

Detectives Say They Have Secured
Damaging Evidence Against Husband.

JEWELS OF DEAD WOMAN FOUND

Had Been Left With a Brooklyn Sa-
loonkeeper by the Husband Several
Days After the Murder Was Com-
mitted—Brothers Give Letters.

(By Associated Press)

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—An im-
portant discovery which the police
state will enable them to name the
slayer of Mrs. Lena Whitmore, the
victim of the Lamplack swamp, near
Harrison, N. J., whose husband, The-
odore Whitmore, is now held, pend-
ing a further investigation, was made
today, when all the jewelry of the
dead woman was found in the safe
of Harry E. Radin, a saloon keeper
of Brooklyn. After an examination
by detectives, Radin stated that Whit-
more had given him the box con-
taining the jewelry on either Decem-
ber 30 or 31, several days after the
murder of the woman was found
partly submerged in the mud and
water of the Harrison pond.

Whitmore had previously told the
police that his wife had worn all her
jewelry when she left home on Christ-
mas afternoon. The discovery made
today is regarded as important by the
police.

Whitmore told the officers yester-
day that he often frequented Radin's